

Calumet; and I went there to find out for myself. Among other things I found that the "news" sent out of the Michigan copper country to the press associations was sent from the offices of the daily newspapers at Calumet, Hancock and Houghton, and that all of these daily newspapers were controlled by the mine owners or managers.

The first real news of that strike and of the conduct of the state militia and private army of gunmen that the people of Chicago got, they got through The Day Book; and the first real news the people of other cities got they got through the news stories I sent from Calumet and Houghton to the United Press.

The first real news that came out of the Colorado coal region came through correspondents of the Denver Express and the United Press.

But even then all of the news didn't come out. And I think it is of the gravest importance that the people know more of the truth, and especially of what is going on in the minds of the working class.

For the information of all who want to be informed, I am going to quote from the Colorado Worker, a newspaper published at Denver in the interest of the working class. The following is the conclusion of a first page editorial:

"The crisis has come and we have got to meet it. Upon the issue involved the whole body of organized labor can unite and every enemy of plutocracy will join us. From the farm, the factories and stores will pour the workers to meet the red-handed destroyers of freedom, the subsidizers of the assassinated class, and the arch enemies of the common people.

"Workingmen of Colorado, the coal miners are our comrades, staunch and true, and if we do not stand by them to the shedding of the last drop of blood in our veins, we are disgraced forever and deserve the fate of cringing cowards.

"We are not responsible for the issue. It is not our seeking. It has been forced upon us; and for the very reason that we deprecate violence and abhor bloodshed, we cannot desert our comrades and allow them to be put to death, as they have been at Ludlow. If they can be murdered without cause, so can we, and so will we be dealt with at the pleasure of these tyrants.

"They have driven us to the wall and now let us rally our forces and face them and fight. If they continue to murder our brothers, a million revolutionists, at least, will meet them with guns.

"They have done their best and their worst to crush and enslave us. Their politicians have betrayed us; their courts have thrown us into jail without trial, and their soldiers have shot our comrades dead in their tracks.

"The worm turns at last, and so does the worker.

"If this slaughter continues every state in this union will resound with the tramp of revolution.

"Get ready, Comrades, for action! No other course is left to the working class. Their courts are closed to us, except to pronounce our doom. To enter their courts is simply to be mulcted of our meager means, bound hand and foot; to have our eyes plucked out by the vultures that fatten upon our misery.

"Capitalist courts never have done, and never will do, anything for the working class.

"Whatever is done, we must do ourselves, and if we stand up like men from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Canada to the Gulf, we will strike terror to their cowardly hearts, and they will be but too eager to relax their grip upon our throats and beat a swift retreat.